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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
FAR WEST WATER & SEWER COMPANY,
AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR
APPROVAL OF INTERIM RATES AND
CHARGES.

Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0608

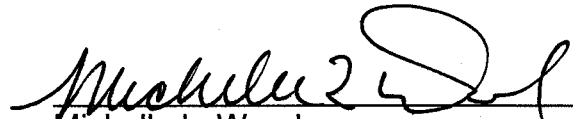
**RUCO'S RESPONSE TO STAFF'S
REQUEST TO SUSPEND THE TIME
CLOCK AND THE COMPANY'S
RESPONSE**

NOTICE OF FILING

The Residential Utility Consumer Office ("RUCO") has reviewed and responds to Staff's request to suspend the time clock and Far West Water and Sewer Company's ("Company's") response. RUCO agrees that the issue of interim rates should be considered as expediently as possible, but disagrees with the schedule proposed by the Company. If interim rates are determined essential to address an emergency situation created by a negative cash flow and mandated ADEQ improvements, RUCO suggests the clock be suspended on the permanent rate case, and the Commission determine interim rates. RUCO suggests that after completion of its mandated improvements and establishment of 12 months of matching operating expenses, the Company should then be required to update its application using a more appropriate test year. If the permanent rate case continues, after interim rates are established and before construction on the mandated improvements has been completed, the application

1 will be based on operating expenses, which are not yet known and measurable, and plant
2 additions, which have not been completed.

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4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 21st day of January, 2009.

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